



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REGION5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SE-5J

July 23, 2008

Steve Garbaciak, Jr. P.E. Vice-President ARCADIS – BBL Inc. 30 West Monroe, Suite 1710 Chicago, Illinois 60603-2404

Re: Removal Area 6B – Additional Excavation Needed in Grids 4, 5, and 6

Dear Steve:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that, pursuant to Paragraph 74 of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-07-863), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) requires modifications to the Former Plainwell Impoundment Area Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) Design Report, dated February 2007 (Work Plan). U.S. EPA has determined that additional work must be conducted by Millennium Holdings, LLC and Georgia-Pacific, LLC (Kalamazoo River Study Group or KRSG) to address elevated levels of PCBs remaining within the 30-ft wide "clean buffer" area in Area 6B. The additional work will cover the following work activities:

- 1. Residual removal activities will occur in Area 6B in grids K55312 (grid 4), K55313 (grid 5), and K55314 (grid 6). Although some residual material is present within grids 2 and 3, U.S. EPA's sampling investigation does not support requiring additional excavation in these grids as part of the Time-Critical Removal Action.
- 2. The residual layer to be removed is present just below the topsoil layer, and varies in thickness from approximately 2 to 12 inches thick. Excavation activities will occur with U.S. EPA oversight to ensure the removal of residual material in the designated grids.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this additional work, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 886-4592.

Sincerely,

Mike Ribordy

On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Paul Buckholtz, MDEQ Jim Saric, USEPA Eileen Furey, USEPA

## TYPICAL RESTORATION CROSS SECTION SOUTH BANK

NOT TO SCALE
(3X VERTICAL EXAGGERATION)

KALAMAZOO RIVER STUDY GROUP ALLIED PAPER INC./PORTAGE CREEK/ KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE PLAINWELL TCRA DESIGN REPORT

PROPOSED TYPICAL BANK EROSION REPAIR CROSS SECTION

